

PHOTOS

Effective Monday, July 19, 2004, all family and employment based **immigrant visa applicants** will be required to submit two photographs at their final visa interview.

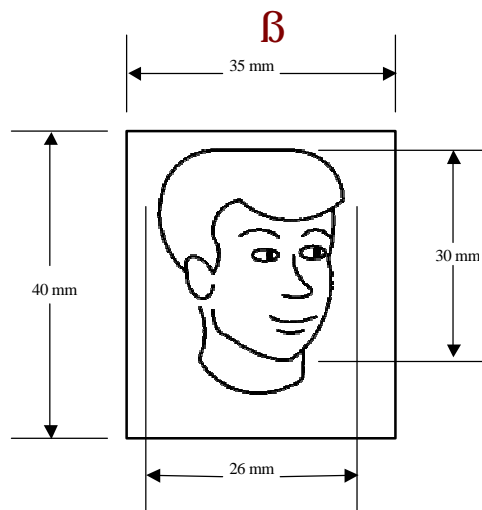
Regardless of age, all U.S. Immigrant Visa applicants must present a total of two un-retouched color photographs, taken on a white background. The size of the image should be approximately 1 inch from the top of the hair to the neck. See samples of photographs below for measurements.

ONE of these pictures must be taken in a $\frac{3}{4}$ view without earrings or similar accessories, headscarves or other items, which may obstruct a full view of the applicant. These photos must clearly show the right ear and the left eye.

Applicants must also present **ONE** additional photo, which should be front view, full face, with a white, plain background. These photographs should also be 1 ½ to 2 inches square, which is approximately 5 by 5 in centimeters.

The applicant should be dressed in normal street attire without a hat. Uniforms and/or head coverings, which obscure the applicant's features, hair, or hairline, may not be worn. If the applicant must wear head cover, the ears and the forehead must be seen clearly. Polaroid photographs are not acceptable. Photographs should be taken within thirty-days of the application date.

Example of $\frac{3}{4}$ view photo:
Each applicant has to provide 1 copy of this photograph



Composition Checklist

7 Steps to Successful Photos

- ✓ Frame subject with [full face, front view, eyes open](#)
- ✓ Make sure photo presents [full head](#) from top of hair to bottom of chin; height of head should measure 1 inch to 1-3/8 inches (25 mm to 35 mm)
- ✓ [Center head](#) within frame (see Figure 2 below)
- ✓ Make sure [eye height](#) is between 1-1/8 inches to 1-3/8 inches (28 mm to 35 mm) from bottom of photo
- ✓ Photograph subject against a plain white or off-white [background](#)
- ✓ [Position subject](#) and [lighting](#) so that there are no distracting shadows on the face or background
- ✓ Encourage subject to have a [natural expression](#)

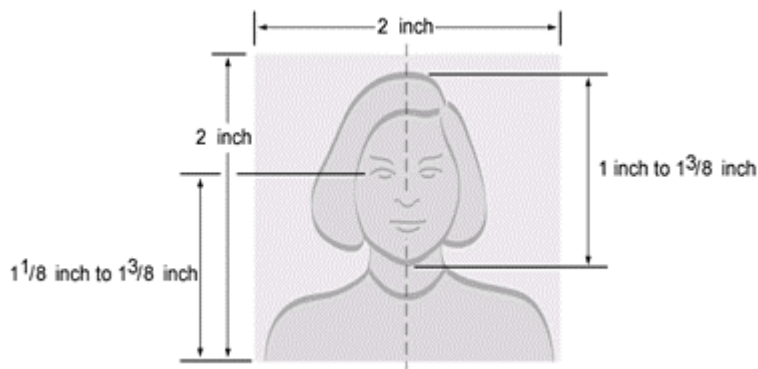


Figure 2. Head Position & Placement

Well-Composed Photos



PLEASE NOTE THAT IN ADDITION TO THESE PHOTOS YOU REQUIRE

An additional 3 regular front view passport photographs for your medical examination forms. Altogether each applicant will require 5 photographs.